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**REPLY TO SUMMARY OF EXAMINER-INITIATED INTERVIEW OF
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Upon reviewing the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary, mailed September 10, 2010, Applicants respectfully make the following two clarifications.

First, the Examiner's statement that "several minor issues needs [sic] to be addressed before the case is sent to the Board" (Office Communication at page 2) is incorrect to the extent that it implies that the Applicants *must* file an Appeal. This option is at the Applicants' discretion and Applicants still await the full report and comments associated with the Pre-Appeal Conference.

Second, Applicants decline to formally address the alleged issue with claim 8 (Office Communication at page 2) unless the issue is officially made of record. It

remains the Applicants' position that claim 8 meets all requirements for patentability and finds full support in the specification as filed and as understood by one of ordinary skill in the art.

Respectfully submitted,

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